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COMUSJAPAN FUCHU JAPAN SEOUL MAY 15, 1973 FROM TOKYO REPEATED  
TO YOU QUOTE

UNCLAS TOKYO 6036

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: MARR JA

SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECDEF' S ALLEGED REMARKS ON JAPAN

1. " PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES" MAY 14 CARRIED FOLLOWING  
AP STORY DATELINED WASHINGTON ON REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE  
BY DEPUTY SECDEF ( DATE OF REMARKS UNSPECIFIED):

BEGIN TEXT:

DEPUTY DEFENSE SECRETARY WILLIAM CLEMENTS PRODUCED  
SOME DIPLOMATIC SHOCK WAVES HERE AND IN TOKYO THIS WEEK  
WITH BROAD HINT TO GROUP OF VISITING JAPANESE BUSINESS  
EXECUTIVES THAT JAPAN' S NO- WAR CONSTITUTION BE REVISED  
TO PERMIT SENDING TROOPS OVERSEAS.

ACCORDING TO QUALIFIED SOURCES, CLEMENTS WAS ASKED  
BY BUSINESSMEN WHETHER JAPAN SHOULD CONSIDER SENDING  
HER TROOPS OVERSEAS. HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT  
RULE IT OUT, SOURCES SAID.

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WHEN REMINDED THAT ARTICLE NINE OF JAPANESE  
CONSTITUTION FORBIDS SUCH DEPLOYMENT, THE HARD- LINE  
FORMER TEXAS OIL DRILLING EXECUTIVE ANSWERED,  
ACCORDING TO FIRST HAND REPORTS, " CONFUCIUS SAY  
RULES ARE MADE TO BE BROKEN."

IN SAME MEETING, CLEMENTS SUGGESTED THAT JAPAN  
CONSIDER EXPANDING ITS NAVY IN ORDER TO CONVOY OIL  
TANKERS TO AND FROM MIDDLE EAST SUPPLY POINTS.  
END TEXT

2. THUS FAR, STORY HAS NOT APPEARED IN ANY OTHER TOKYO  
NEWSPAPER, AND REMARKS HAVE NOT PRODUCED " SHOCK WAVES"  
IN TOKYO. HOWEVER, REMARKS MAY SURFACE HERE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST GUIDANCE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE  
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